

119th Convocation

October 15, 2021



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**Messages
to the
Graduands**

*While it may look
different this year,
it is still a time
of celebration.*

From the Chancellor

To the Graduands of 2021:

Congratulations! It is a privilege to serve as your chancellor and to celebrate with you as you graduate and move forward toward your chosen career.

Convocation is an important time to come together as fellow scholars, community members, family, and friends to recognize and celebrate your success. You have learned new ways of looking at the world and gained the knowledge and skills to become the next generation of leaders.

You have accomplished great things, demonstrating a drive and passion that will fuel your path forward. You don't have to look far to find University of Winnipeg graduates leading initiatives, volunteering their time, and championing change that makes an impact locally and globally. This community is there for you, rooting for you, as you launch your career or take the next steps in your post-secondary journey.

We are so proud of you, and know great things are in store for you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Barb Gamey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barb" being more prominent than the last name "Gamey".

Barb Gamey

Chancellor

The University of Winnipeg

From the President

Congratulations Graduands!

On behalf of The University of Winnipeg community, it is my honour to congratulate you on your accomplishments and welcome you to the grad class of 2021.

Whether you are establishing your career, pursuing further studies, or taking time to pause and consider your options – you have reached an important milestone on your journey and are well-prepared for success.

While keeping focused on your goals and completing the courses necessary to finish your degree during this unsettled time, you have demonstrated the skills necessary to navigate the road ahead. In the process, you built character and revealed inner strengths.

As you embark on this next stage of your life, you will need to continue to work hard and be thoughtful about your choices. I encourage you to approach the unknown with curiosity. Push yourself to try new things and be confident that you have what it takes to succeed.

Your education has shaped your perspectives and equipped you to be the kind of decision-maker – the kind of leader – that our world needs. The knowledge, insights, and friendships you have gained here will serve you well for decades to come.

The University of Winnipeg is a close-knit and diverse community that will continue to celebrate your success. I encourage you to stay connected.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "James Currie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

James Currie, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD

Interim President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Winnipeg

From the Alumni Association

Congratulations Class of 2021!

As President of the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association, I am pleased to offer my congratulations on behalf of our Association to the Graduating Class of 2021. Your hard work and dedication have culminated in this very special day, and I am so happy to share in your excitement and proud to acknowledge your success.

Today marks not only your graduation, but your membership in the University of Winnipeg Alumni Association. You will join our alumni family of individuals who have shared a common turning point in their educational lives – the invaluable experience of being an important part of this dynamic urban campus.

Despite not having access to on-campus classes and activities, you have learned to think critically, communicate clearly, solve complex problems, and learned valuable skills – and you did it during a most trying time. We are very proud of you and equally proud of the supportive learning environment that our university provides, and the high value that we place on diversity and inclusion. By becoming an active member of your Alumni Association, you can remain connected to and supportive of The University of Winnipeg and its future students. Going forward, we hope that, through the Alumni Association, you will maintain and enhance your professional and community affiliations.

One of the more exciting initiatives that our Alumni Council has been working on with our university partners this past year is how to achieve and enhance alumni engagement. Nothing is more important to us than reaching out, getting to know and working with our alumni. The last few convocations, like this one, did not allow us to meet you in person and proudly hand you your Alumni Association pin and membership card, but we will ensure that as soon as the campus opens up, we will find a way.

In the meantime, we have endeavored to reach out to you via many different social media sites, e-mail and our e-newsletter. We have been offering our speaker series via webinar, and will be planning an exciting line up of speakers for our 2021/2022 year. Please stay connected with us so you do not miss our programs. And feel free to contact our alumni office with ideas on how we can do more for you. We cherish your input and the long-lasting relationships that will result.



Judith Neumann, BAH '71

President

The University of Winnipeg Alumni Association



Order of Proceedings

One Hundred and Nineteenth Convocation
Friday, October 15, 2021 – 9:30 am

for the conferring of degrees in Arts, Science,
Business and Economics, Education, Kinesiology,
Physical and Health Education, and Marriage and Family Therapy

James Currie, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD
Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, presiding

Call to Order

Colin Russell, BA (Hons), BEd, MA
Registrar

Invocations

Reverend Tanis Kolisnyk, BA, MA, CMS
Academic & Career Advisor, University of Winnipeg Academic & Career Services
Alison Cox
Indigenous Knowledge Keeper

Greetings from the Province of Manitoba

Honourable Kelvin Goertzen, BA, BComm (Hons), LLB
Premier of Manitoba

Welcome

James Currie, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD
Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

Address to the Graduands

Annette Trimbee, BSc, MSc, PhD
Past President and Honorary Officiant
Introduction by Chancellor Barb Gamey

Admission to Degrees

Conferred by Chancellor Barb Gamey
Master of Science
Master of Arts
Master of Arts (Joint University of Manitoba)
Master in Management
Master's in Development Practice
Master of Public Administration (Joint University of Manitoba)
Master of Marriage and Family Therapy
Bachelor of Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Science (4 year)
Bachelor of Science
Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education
Bachelor of Education
Bachelor of Arts – Developmental Studies**
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)
Bachelor of Arts (4 year)
Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Business Administration (4 year)
Bachelor of Business Administration

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) – Economics
Bachelor of Arts (4 year) – Economics**
Bachelor of Arts (4 year) – Economics and Finance**
Bachelor of Arts – Economics**
Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honours)
Bachelor of Science (4 year) – Kinesiology**
Bachelor of Kinesiology (4 year)
Bachelor of Arts – Kinesiology**
Bachelor of Physical and Health Education
**also listed previously under respective degrees

Message from the Dean of Arts

Glenn Moulaison, BA, MA, PhD

Message from the Dean of Business and Economics

Hugh Grant, BA, MA, PhD

Message from the Dean of Education

Laurie-Ann Hellsten, BA, MSc, PhD

Message from the Dean of Science, Dean of Kinesiology

Doug Goltz, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD

Message from the Dean of Graduate Studies

Mavis Reimer, BA (Hons), MA, PhD

Message from the Alumni Association

Judith Neumann, BA (Hons)
President, Alumni Association Council

Valedictory Address

Ciara O'Reggio, BA (Hons)

Closing Remarks

James Currie, BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD
Interim President and Vice-Chancellor

Honour Song

Alison Cox
Indigenous Knowledge Keeper

National Anthem

Colin Russell, BA (Hons), BEd, MA
Registrar



Degrees

Degrees

Master of Science

Jamie Taylor Card
Nicole Su-Yin Dorville
Jenna Laurel Fleet

Sebastian Camilo Miranda Rodriguez
Kristina Ashley Muise

Master of Arts

Emmanuel Lekan Ayoola
Brittany Lynn Bauer
Breanna Mai Joan Belisle
Christian Jana Higham

Sarah Anastasia Hodges-Kolisnyk
Vincent Richard Tinguely
Sadia Zohaib

Master of Arts (Joint University of Manitoba)

Benedict Gregory Merrin Beattie
Laura Elsie Garinger
Cody Hodge
Z M Sarwat Hossain

Kwadwo Kyei-Poakwah
Krystal Lorraine Payne
Korellia Jo Schneider
Monisha Jagat Shah

Master in Management

Amanda Leigh Bibeau
Logan Palmer Binda
Alen Tesfaye Brussa
Timothy Michael Fast
Adebanjo Victor Kolawole

Jeremie Christopher Kuypers
Nataliya Kvas
Daniel Riak Mach
Robert John Swan
Joy Ikeme Taiwo

Master's in Development Practice

Babatunde Olusola Alabi
Courtney Dale Rene Bear
Ada Nnebuogor Chukwudozie
Kiera Lynn Kowalski

Alexandra Kristen Nychuk
Kate Elizabeth Robb
Mackenzie Lee Roop
Ashley Camille Saulog

Degrees

Master of Public Administration (Joint University of Manitoba)

Meagan Celina Greentree

Alexandra Kazakova

Markian Ihor Alexander McColl

Adam Leo Alfred Paul

Gregory Marcel Reid

Oritsegbubemi Ruth Tenumah

Master of Marriage and Family Therapy

Celina Suzanne Viviane Abrey

Suzanne Jillian Braun

Marcie Deanne Granger

Sherilyn Elizabeth Hale

Lisa Dawn Martens

Linda Mary

Peter Theodore Benjamin Mary Jr.

Lise Simone McMillan

Albulena Morina

Sandra Paz

Elaine Phillips

Debbie Wiebe

Bachelor of Science (Honours)

Sean Lasslett Carter

Kaitlyn Marie Hanson

Syeda Yousra Irshad

Ian James McNicol

Madelynn Marie Perry

Karla Manaigre Sewell

Zayn Uriah Wolf

Bachelor of Science (4 year)

Ryan Kyle Acosta

Julianne Renae Berard

Harvey Cabaguio

Simran Kaur Chauhan

Justin Douglas Clark

Phoenix Marie Combe

Marygrace Isabelle Dela Cruz

Kamele Indiana Fletcher

Elie Grizina

Derek Windsor Joseph Hawley

Leah Hicks

Davis Andrew Kos-Whicher

Michaelin Anne Lower

Matthew Polo Primero Marcalinas

Alexandra Judith Mattocks

Kyla Dale Middleton

Rachele Hannah Molyneaux

Kaitlyn Lena Mae Nernberg

Connor William Michael Proskin

Nathan Rempel

Ryne Andrew Swift

Degrees

Bachelor of Science

Wasim Wesley Adetunji
Selina Elizabeth Anderson
Trisha Anne Anterola
Momtaz Sharmin Babli
Nestor Baranjouk
Kyla Shaylene Bauml
Coulten Billaney
Keelie Blair-Mitchell
Jenil Tanvir Bodhani
Chantelle Jayne Cenidoza
Benjamin Michael Clark
Harjot Kaur Dhaliwal
Trang Dinh
Oluwakemi Esther Fasipe
Russell Gallinera
Anika Paige Herrod
Gillian Kathleen Houghton
Priscilla Tolulope Irabor
Madhav Jain
Varleen Kaur Kainth
Abhishek Kaushal
Sara Rose Kenny

Kerrigan Lamont-Adam
Amaïne Jeromila Laureano
Jordyn Nicole Lazic
Colleen Mary Mitchell
Felisa Belen Moncada-Troncoso
Chinonso Anthony Onyebuchi
Janina Patricia Yasay Oreas
Anuoluwapo Oreoluwa Oyafunke
Analita Helmi Shnier Peltó
Kshitij Pruthi
Navnoor Kaur Randhawa
Dylan Gerard Robinson
Daksh Saini
Jocel Jae Serrano
Sean Patrick Richard Thain
Nathan Thielmann
Shereen Thomas
Simran Ubhi
Arman Walia
Kathleen Elizabeth Watts
Merehaw Tekeie Zerie

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education

Amanda Sue Almdal
Tammy Antosko
Sarah Teresa Babson
Kristin Dawn Balleny
Dawn Elizabeth Bartholomew
Heidi Beauchemin
Leah Kathleen Berard
Diana Bernardo
Lauren Elyse Brad
Taylor Leigh Brad
Alexandra Broitman
Samantha Josephine Shaen Buzza

Allison Amy Caldwell
Rhiannon Campbell
John Jorrel Camuyong
Leanne Margaret Chernetz
Larissa Marie Chubenko
Zabrina Ann Cornelisse
Lisete Cunha Costa
Kimberley Diane De Waal
Ryan William George DeJonckheere
Tyler Robert Dubicki
Karen Emmerson
Leanne Margaret Falconer

Degrees

Kelsey Deanne Griffith-Parker
Erin Haid
Jordan Christopher James Hurton
Inderpreet Kaur Jassal
Harpreet Kaur
Jenna Rae June Kennedy
Carly Anne Korsunsky
Kristen Anne Koshelanyk
Daniel Christopher Kulas
Michelle Margaret Laird
Joanna Danuta Langtry
Nicolle Catherine Lewis
Michelle Crystal Lobo
Ivanna Kristya Lukie
Jenikka Rea Lumbera
Jennifer Lauren MacHutchon
Erin Michelle Marlatt
Danielle Nicole Merry
Michelle Susanne Moskal
Arlene Murphy

Marnee Lynn Dale Murray
Lynnette Abigail Navarro
Melissa Anne Paterson
Sandra Jean Pedersen
Karen Pellaers
Kaleigh Marie Poirier
Stacy Mae Ponask
Marim Magdy Wadea Samy
Jennifer Lynne Scott
Jordie Skinner
Ryan Thomas Strang
Lindsay Sarah Swereda
Tracy Lynn Tesluck
Sunita Tyagi
Roberta Ruth Velarde
Katherine Wainio
Connie Alana Marie Wall
Russell Norris Wallace
Korrie Lynn Watt
Lisa Danielle Wiebe

Bachelor of Education

Alexis Brandi Hodge

Lavina Charmaine Moneyas

Bachelor of Arts in Developmental Studies**

Hayley Elizabeth Carr
Kathryn Elisabeth Marie De Monye

Kisa Leigh MacIsaac
Gantt Mary Tolete Pabroa

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

Samantha Desiree Bueckert
Matthew Christopher Chapeskie
Emilie Marie Derkson-Poirier
Kamryn Mallory Dyck
Justine Elizabeth Erickson
Teersten Rain Frankemolle
Jack Ronald Joseph Maier

Alden Leslie Moreau
Cierra O'Reggio
Cassidy Lynn Rempel
Madeline Marie Troisfontaines
Gelsomina Vanderhooft
Connor Forbes Baltesse Ward
Maya Kristen Yuel

Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (4 year)

Marii Balcha
Rachel Elizabeth Beazley
Karlee Johanne Benediktson
Hannah Marie Burns
Michelle Wadzanayi Cleopatra Chitambo
Caitlin Danielle Clemis
Sandeep Kaur Dhillon
Nicole Durrant-Eunson
Alexandra Swan French
Nadia Belen Garcia
Hermon Tesfaldet Gidey
Keesha Serene Harewood
Brianna Julie Hopfner
Davis Anneliese Hunter
Godfrey Hillary Kajuna
Arthur Kanagwa
Kirk Anthony Kirby

Joshua Mark Alexander Kjarsgaard
Tessa Rae Martens
Elly Isabelle Martin
Nina Lee McIntyre
Geneviève Catriona Michaud
Antonie Meyer Nell
Olaoluwasubomi Damilare Olukaju
Jennifer Kathryn Pazdor
Angeline Michelle
Peterson-Giizis Ogimaakwens
Jayden Alexander Pollock
Lizzie Rose Tough
Mitchell Adrian Strang Van Ineveld
Jacob Deklan Warkentin
Kirstin Rhea Witwicki
Joseph Wynn Zukewich

Bachelor of Arts

Raphael Ryan Ablao
Amy Jolene Albright
Masarat Alem Kahsay
Alora Camille Anis
Samuel Bruce Anthony
Jan Rino Moreno Bacani
Alexander James Banman
Amanjot Singh Baryar
Angela Yvonne Bear
Ethan Anderson Billard Dooley
Shervarna V Biroo
Clare Shann Bolado Blanco
Chelsea Michele Bonan
Abbigail Olivia Brown
Justin Aimé Bruneau
Bailey Isabel Buron-Kliewer
Jessica Marie Burzuik
Simon Dmitri Camungol

Joshua Harilaos Carabatsakis
Hayley Elizabeth Carr
Britney Kara Ann Champagne
Ruizhi Klose Chen
Brittany Katherine Chetyrbok
Lindsay Marie Clow
Giuseppe Matteo Colatruglio
Aaron Stewart William Couvier
Melvin Lawrence Daligdig
Amalia Davis
Kathryn Elisabeth Marie De Monye
Adrienne Dudek
Levon William Enns-Kutcy
Edward Theodore Espino
Candace Joyce Estipular
Rachel Jacqueline Eyer
Drew Robert Fingas
Marysa Anna Sophia Fosty

Degrees

Marco Gabriel Joseph Freynet
Kyla Nicole Friesen
Amella May Beray Gagno
Farouq Abdullahi Gambo
Diandra Gietz
Julia Samantha Gigliotti
Mallory Mellisa Gutwein
Dina Marie Haber
Clyde Ryan David Harper
Cecil James Harris
Alyssa Michelle Harrison
Alexander Gary Kenneth Hawley
Devon Mackenzie Helm
Tristan Daniel Henry
Ashlan Joyann Hnatiuk
Alexis Brandi Hodge
Erin Honke
Kelsey Lauren Howes
Lucy Inderieden
Rampreet Singh Jassal
Lamya Kalah
Annet Kareyo
Rubani Kaur
Maliyah Rae Kelly
Omar Alexander Khan
Emily Danielle Kidd
Yujin Brielle Kim
Laura Marie Lillian Konrad
Samuel Charles Kroft
Carly Anne Lafond
James Carlo Landicho
Melissa Marie Donaldal Lavallee
Jacques Alexandre Leger
Madrin Rua J Macgillivray
Alyssa Mary Maciejkow
Kisa Leigh MacIsaac
Krystelle Christine Mackey
Kelsey Vance Malcolm
Jonathan Maranan

Brenden Johnathan Marks
Kelsey Gail Nickole Martens
Connor Barry Mazur
Magdalena Claire McGregor
Alaa Babikir Mohamed
Jessica Lee Morrow-Hayhow
Eto-Ley Mozaly
Marc Andrew Forrest Murie
Kiana Audra May Naslund
Aishat Nassar
Caitlin Irene Olivier
Gantt Mary Tolete Pabroa
Mariah Jenniefe Siño Palag
Patricia Loren Pumida Pastrana
James Nickolas Peters
Sidney Li Allyn Phommarath
Tyson Cameron Priebe
Stephanie Danielle Raposo
Ashley Nicole Reimer
Jordann Andrea Relph
Dadrean Alecia Richards
Parminder Saini
Corey Vaughn Daryl Sanderson
Selina Saunders
Amanda Louise Shindak
Jocelyn Autumn Shymko
Harpreet Singh Sidhu
Sabrina Rose Simmonds
Madison Jayde Smith
Kaylin Amber Rachel Steinke
Muskaan Summan
Stenice Taylor
Rafael Onyx Leo Terrain
Trisha Lauren Tiopo
Alice-Michelle Uwamaliya
Brookelynn Katarina Waite
Yixin Wen
Hailey Janelle Whitmore-Seckinger
Kristin Nicole Wadien Yuzyk

Degrees

Bachelor of Business Administration (4 year)

Jose Carlos Domingo Alip	Brandon Matthew Little
Kathleen Rosemae Tumaming Balita	Harold Memita
Kathleen Elizabeth Bowkett	Peter Mubiayi Tshilembu
Tania Dixie Canas-Rivera	Khoi Xuan Nguyen
Massimo Umberto Curatolo	Alexis Parekh
Tierney Anika Megan Federau	Khalil Riyad Qasem
Stephanie Paige Fritzke	Lucas James Victor Signatovich
Sonia Gill	Alessia Smolyak
Mirza Hamza Iftikhar	Maor Tsitrin
Shivtaj Kaur	Lucas Mckay Ulmer
Vivek Mavji Khetani	Steven Wong
Josh Kleinsasser	Nafisat Yusuf

Bachelor of Business Administration

Shubham Anand	William Kyle Lee McMillan
Louis Asare	Mahdi Hasan Yousef Motawe
Sahil Bindra	Maia Mozes
William Evan Brown	Neeru Nain
Mitchell Jeffrey Cathcart	Riley Alden Parada Leitao
Andrew Robert Croft	Vrinda Parashar
Jody Duncan Wayne Cummings	Bianca Lois Cruzado Pecson
Michael Scott Docherty	Ian Gabriel Ancheta Perez
Keren-Happuch Elijah Dodo	Brianne Marie Pineau
Crystal Eng	Cassandra Rebekah Lagos Puno
Steffi Espina	Shehnaz Sandhu
Jaapvir Singh Ghuman	Rocco Scarcella
Benjamin Ryan Giesbrecht	Udhav Sehgal
Shivam Gupta	Prajwal Sharma
Joshua Isaac Heron	Vidushi Sharma
Manjinder Kaur Kaler	Muhammad Ali Abbas Siddiqui
Harpreet Kaur	Julean Gotam Sigua
Ravneet Kaur	Crystal Maria Simmons
Varinderjeet Kaur	Hardil Singh
Taijashvi Khara	Harshleen Singh
Shawn Kidd	Harshpreet Singh
Sujin Kim	Smiledeep Singh
James Carlo Landicho	Emily Mac Naught Tham
Dexter Magri	Mahan Thapa
Craig Alexander Maitland	Pauline Mary Tutkaluke

Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) — Economics**

Connor Forbes Baltiese Ward

Bachelor of Arts (4 year) — Economics**

Arthur Kanagwa Mitchell Adrian Strang Van Ineveld

Bachelor of Arts (4 year) — Economics and Finance**

Antonie Meyer Nell

Bachelor of Arts — Economics**

Farouq Abdullahi Gambo

Bachelor of Kinesiology (Honours)

Jessica Maria Friesen

Bachelor of Science (4 year) — Kinesiology**

Marygrace Isabelle Dela Cruz Kyla Dale Middleton
Derek Windsor Joseph Hawley Rachele Hannah Molyneaux
Davis Andrew Kos-Whicher

Bachelor of Kinesiology (4 year)

Victoria Alyakna Jamie Lee Palmer
Brielle Cheyanne Cara Dhara Patel
Chance Dellan Dupuis Jordan Lynn Wilding
Matthew John Ginter Oluwaseyi David Olufolabi

Bachelor of Arts — Kinesiology**

Kelsey Lauren Howes

Bachelor of Physical and Health Education

Michelle Dawn Anderson Carson William Ouellette
James Robert Gordon Barclay Carter Alexander Robinson
Robyn Angele Boulanger Taya Shae Wiebe
Connor Johnny Marschall

** also listed previously under respective degrees



Honourees

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Dr. Annette Trimbee

BSc, MSc, PhD

Past President and Honorary Officer

Dr. Annette Trimbee's impact on The University of Winnipeg will be felt for generations. While President and Vice-Chancellor from 2014 – 2020, she accomplished many great things by fostering collaborative partnerships, both on- and off-campus.

Prior to her arrival at UWinnipeg, Dr. Trimbee served as Deputy Minister of several departments in the Alberta government, including the Finance and Treasury Board, and Advanced Education and Technology.

She created a blueprint for a series of strategic directions that have guided planning and decision making at all levels of the University. Five key areas became a focus during Dr. Trimbee's time at UWinnipeg: academic excellence and renewal; student experience and success; Indigenization; research excellence, knowledge mobilization, and impact; and financial and institutional resilience.

Under Dr. Trimbee, UWinnipeg's approach to advancing reconciliation was informed by the seminal Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In September 2016, UWinnipeg became one of the first universities in the country to implement an Indigenous Course Requirement, necessitating all undergraduate students to select a three-credit-hour course in which the greater part of the content is local Indigenous material.

Dr. Trimbee oversaw the completion and opening of several new student-orientated buildings designed to promote scholarship and community interactions: Leatherdale Hall, a bright, welcoming space connected to Wesley Hall; and Merchants Corner in Winnipeg's North End, a former hotel transformed into an education hub offering community-based educational and cultural programs.

Research funding also increased greatly during Dr. Trimbee's tenure, as UWinnipeg faculty received more than \$12 million in external funding during her final full year at the University – the highest level of research revenue in UWinnipeg's history.

Environmental sustainability was moved to the forefront during her time as President and Vice-Chancellor as well, and UWinnipeg continues to lead the country with an assertive target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2035.

Shortly before her departure for MacEwan University in 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic caused the delay of Spring Convocation, which was to have been Dr. Trimbee's last as president and vice-chancellor.

We proudly welcome Dr. Annette Trimbee back to The University of Winnipeg, where she will address the graduating class at our 119th Convocation and see her presidential portrait unveiled in Richardson College for the Environment and Science Complex.

Honourees



Richard Westwood

BSc, MSc, PhD

Clarence Atchison Award for Excellence in Community Service

Dr. Richard Westwood joined The University of Winnipeg in 1998 and is currently a professor in both the Department of Environmental Studies and Sciences and the Department of Biology. He has completed two five-year terms as Chair of Environmental Studies and Sciences and one as Chair of the master's program in Bioscience, Technology, and Society.

Westwood's wide-ranging areas of research include conservation of endangered insects and plants in prairie and boreal forest ecosystems, as well as improved urban tree health. His experience was instrumental to the founding of UWinnipeg's Centre for Forest Interdisciplinary Research.

In particular, Westwood is a champion of urban forest research. Through his teaching, research, and community service, he has played an important role in advancing – and enhancing public understanding of – urban forestry in Manitoba, especially in Winnipeg, which is home to North America's largest population of mature elms. To this end, he has been leading new research into the ecology of elm bark beetles and the spread of Dutch elm disease: a complex, invasive pathogen that has threatened Winnipeg's cherished elm population for over 45 years.

Done in collaboration with community stakeholders, Westwood's research will

contribute to the management of the disease and the preservation of the mature elm canopy that characterizes Winnipeg.

Westwood's dedicated community service includes volunteering with local environmental not-for-profit organizations and serving as a long-time board member, particularly with Trees Winnipeg (formerly the Coalition to Save the Elms). He has lead the ReLeaf tree-planting workshops for homeowners; served as a partner to the City of Winnipeg in raising awareness of urban forest issues and offering extension services; and delivered a variety of public workshops and programs over three decades.

He has recruited and mentored students and passionate volunteers to help build successful partnerships with numerous organizations – finding common ground on shared interests and priorities to save our urban forests.

For his tireless work on behalf of improved forest health, as well as his exceptional contributions to a better understanding of the survivability and maintenance of trees in urban environments, The University of Winnipeg proudly honours Richard Westwood with the *Clarence Atchison Award for Excellence in Community Service*.

Honourees



Christine Payne

Robin H. Farquhar Award for Excellence in Contribution to Self-Governance

Christine Payne's service and dedication to The University of Winnipeg is very valuable and rare. She brings it with her wherever she goes and it is present in every aspect of her work.

Throughout her 35 years of service, first with the human resources department and then with the president's office/external relations, Payne has made immeasurable contributions to the self-governance of this institution. Her work ethic is second to none.

Most of her efforts take place behind the scenes, in between meetings, and during the preparatory phase leading up to significant announcements and events – without which our ability to self-govern would fall apart. Mike Emslie, former Vice-President of Finance and Administration, referred to her as “the glue that holds everything together.” From planning of major events and announcements to serving on boards and committees, Payne's work is evident in many places and is essential.

Dedicated, professional, passionate, committed – Payne is a driving force behind the university's external relations efforts, which have a specific focus of fostering relationships with all three levels of government. Whether speaking with a provincial or federal politician, business leaders, newcomers, working moms, or

first-year students, she treats everyone with the same respect and care, and makes them all feel like they are important and welcome.

Payne's work is continuous and has a significant and cumulative impact. For example, when former President Dr. Annette Trimbee chaired the Manitoba's post-secondary presidents' council, Payne's support was critical to the development of a seminal report that affirmed the importance of academic freedom and self-governance and was instrumental in informing government's post-secondary policy.

Payne has served as co-chair of the United Way Campaign and has been a key member of numerous committees, including the excluded classification review initiative, UWinnipeg's fiftieth anniversary planning group, the Axworthy Distinguished Lecture Series, UWinnipeg Pride Committee, and most recently: the library renewal project. These projects reflect and represent our values, magnify UWinnipeg's impact in the broader community, and propel our university forward.

For shaping, supporting, and deepening the spirit of self-governance for more than three decades, The University of Winnipeg is proud to honour Christine Payne with the *Robin H. Farquhar Award for Excellence in Contributing to Self-Governance*.



Ciarra O'Reggio

BA (Hons)

Valedictorian

Ciarra O'Reggio's first love was the arts, but as do many first-year university students, they wrestled with the desire to fulfill the expectations of others and the pull of pursuing one's own passion. It's for that reason O'Reggio's initial post-secondary pursuit was in the sciences, but why their enthusiasm for creative writing and one year of self-discovery ultimately led O'Reggio to chase a dream at University of Winnipeg.

"I cared a lot about being on a 'respectable' path at the beginning," said O'Reggio, who is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English. "But I quickly discovered my heart was somewhere else."

O'Reggio, who entered the honours program midway through their studies, cited the study of critical theory and the tutelage of Dr. Peter Mellville, Dr. Alison Brickie, and Dr. Jenny Heijun Wills as among the most formative experiences during their time at UWinnipeg.

"All of the professors really in the English department have been awesome," O'Reggio said. "But specifically those three I feel I had an opportunity to explore this new realm of critical theory with them in a great way."

As O'Reggio prepares to deliver a message to fellow graduates as Autumn 2021 valedictorian, a message of self-determination has, fittingly, been on their mind. Charting their own course and following their own ambitions has been life altering for O'Reggio, whose writing not only appeared in UWinnipeg's juice literary journal but earned them the *Mr. and Mrs. Ong Hoo Hong Emerging Writers Prize*. O'Reggio was also the recipient of *The Judith F. Gainsbury Memorial Scholarship in Creative Writing*.

"I feel like especially in university, you can get into the habit of writing things, saying things, creating things that will just make your teachers impressed," O'Reggio said, "but I think what I'm learning to do and what I would want to encourage other students to do is to start taking that determination they've used to impress others and start turning it around to impress themselves."

Board of Regents

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